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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA

1. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE ON JAN 19, ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN KAMANA RAISED ISSUE FORTHCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA HE SAID SCHEDULED FOR JAN 26. KAMANA SAID THAT AT TIME HE HAD LEFT NEW YORK DEC 17, THINKING AMONG AT LEAST SOME AFRICAN DELEGATIONS HAD BEEN TO TRY DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH ESCHEWED REFERENCE TO ARTICLE VII OR IMPLIED SUPPORT FOR VIOLENCE BUT FOCUSED INSTEAD UPON CALLING FOR FREE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN NAMIBIA WITHIN CERTAIN TIME PERIOD, E.G., EIGHTEEN MONTHS, FOLLOWING CONCLUSION CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS.

2. INTENTION WAS TO TRY PUT TOGETHER MODERATE RESOLUTION WHICH USG COULD SUPPORT. SINCE MID-DECEMBER, HOWEVER, ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICA INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA USING BASES IN NAMIBIA HAS COME UP. KAMANA NOW CONCERNED THAT SOME AFRICANS WILL INSIST ANY SC RESOLUTION INCLUDE REFERENCE TO AND CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN USE OF NAMIBIA AS "BASE FOR AGGRESSION" AGAINST ANGOLA. KAMANA WONDERED WHAT WOULD BE USG REACTION TOWARD CONFIDENTIAL

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DRAFT RESOLTUION INCLUDING SUCH A REFERENCE. WE SAID

WE ASSUMED USG WOULD PREFER THAT DEBATE ON NAMIBIA NOT BECOME ENTANGLED IN SEPARATE AND HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF ANGOLA. HOWEVER, WE WOULD REFER KAMANA QUESTION TO DEPARTMENT FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND RESPONSE.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT AND USUN: KAMANA RETURNING TO NEW YORK LATER THIS WEEK. WE ASSUME THEREFORE WE UNLIKELY HAVE RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE LUSAKA. HOWEVER, HOPE THAT USUN WILL FIND EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING KAMANA'S RETURN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS WITH HIM WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO KEEP ANY SC DEBATE ON NAMIBIA FOCUSED ON CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES TO ADVANCE NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND AVOID RENEWED AFRICAN EFFORT PRESS FOR ARTICLE VII LANGUAGE ON BASIS SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. FROM OUR TALK HERE WE BELIEVE KAMANA PERSONALLY WOULD PREFER SEE CONSTRUCTIVE, MODERATE RESOLUTION WHICH USG COULD SUPPORT. HE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WORK TOWARD THAT END ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT NEITHER HE NOR ZAMBIANS GENERALLY MAY BE ABLE AT THIS POINT RALLY SUFFICIENT SUPPORT WITHIN DIVIDED AFRICAN BLOC TO KEEP ANGOLAN ISSUE ENTIRELY OUT OF NAMIBIA DEBATE.

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